

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CFED  
SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN CAPE VERDE

REF: STATE 59809

1. EMBASSY HAS CONSULTED WITH CAPE VERDIAN EMBASSY AT LISBON AND PORTUGUESE CIVIL REGISTRY. BOTH REFER US TO DECREE LAW 308-A/75 OF JUNE 24, 1975, WHICH CONTROLS QUESTION AS FAR AS PORTUGUESE ARE CONCERNED.

2. APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THAT LAW PROVIDE THAT PERSONS NATIVE TO AN EX-COLONY AND DOMICILED THERE AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE LOSE THEIR PORTUGUESE NATIONALITY AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE (JULY 5, 1975 FOR CAPE VERDE). UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, CITIZENSHIP CAN BE PRESERVED BY SUCH PEOPLE WHO HAVE ONE ANCESTOR TO THE THIRD DEGREE (GREAT-GRANDFATHER) WHO WAS "PORTUGUESE" AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN THE LAW. ANOTHER EXCEPT IS MADE FOR WOMEN MARRIED WITH, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED FROM A "PORTUGUESE."

3. THIS WOULD SEEM TO PRECLUDE ELEVEN CASES UNDER QUESTION FROM CLAIMING TO CONTINUE HOLDING PORTUGUESE NATIONALITY UNLESS THEY HAVE THE ANCESTORAL TIE. DO  
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YOU STILL WANT A FORMAL OPINION FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE?  
IT WILL TAKE TIME.

4. WE ARE INFORMED BY EMBASSY BISSAU THAT IT IS RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 3, REFTEL.  
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